



City of Cambridge

R-93.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2003

COUNCILLOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record wishing a Happy Anniversary to St. Paul A.M.E. Church; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to St. Paul A.M.E. Church on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 8, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Wishing a Happy Anniversary to St.

Paul A.M.E. Church.

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

In City Council September 8, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED

WHEREAS: St. Paul is presently blessed with the unadulterated leadership of the visionary Reverend Dr. LeRoy Attles whose adherence to God's voice led to establishment of the unprecedented Christian Life Center, among other accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: Though viewing new horizons and ever cognizant of the winds of change, time will never diminish the fortitude and greatness of those early committed trailblazers who fulfilled the embodiment of a vision. They have bequeathed us a legacy of the power of prayer and dedication to God's work. We must strive to emulate their example of Christendom.

All the flowers of all our tomorrows are the seeds of today.

We glory in the past

Invoke God's presence for the present

Embrace the challenge of the future.

now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record wishing a Happy 130th Anniversary to St. Paul A.M.E. Church; and be it further

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- WHEREAS: History is the compass we use to find ourselves on the ever-changing map of life's geography. Having entered the new millennium of service, sparked with the sovereign and matchless grace of Almighty God, St. Paul A.M. E., the oldest Black church in the City of Cambridge, will be an ongoing vanguard for the message of salvation; and
- WHEREAS: The story of a church 130 years old is not easily capsulated. It spawns the stories of people, shepherds, conversions, baptisms, peaks and valleys; and
- WHEREAS: It was the year 1873 when in search of a place to worship, a small band of committed Christians gathered in the living room of Brother Henry Buckner. As the spirit pervaded and membership rapidly increased, larger quarters became a requisite. Imbued with true faith, these hearty pioneers purchased land at the corner of Hastings and Portland Streets where construction soon commenced on a house of worship; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Dallas Turner, a theological student, was assigned to temporarily fill the pulpit. Upon ordination, Henry Buckner, for whom our school was named in 1974, became the second pastor. The official roster included nine Stewards, seven Trustees, nine Stewardesses, Organist and Sunday School Superintendent. The year 1877 brought organization of the first missionary society honoring a tireless devoted worker, Margaret Hazel; and
- WHEREAS: About the time of World War I, due to an influx of people from varied areas, the building could no longer accommodate the congregation. In 1920, under the dynamic pastorate of Reverend C. B. Lawyer, the church was sold and the purchase of Wood Memorial Church, our present location was executed and the parishioners marched from Portland and Hastings Street to this site; and
- WHEREAS: On October 27, 1974, Austin Street was the first public street in the A.M.E. Connectional to be dedicated and renamed Bishop Allen Drive honoring the founder of the A.M.E. Church. In the span of 130 years, St. Paul has been served by an eminent line of over 50 distinguished dedicated shepherds, two of whom, John R. Bryant, and the deceased Rembert E. Stokes have been elevated to the Bishopric; and

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